



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY

- WHEREAS: The men and women who comprise Georgia's law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and other public safety institutions help to safeguard the lives and property of our citizens during times of emergency; and
- WHEREAS: These brave individuals face immense hazards and make significant sacrifices in the performance of their duties. They demonstrate bravery and dedication, and remain our first line of defense against both domestic and foreign threats; and
- WHEREAS: First responders stand ready, 24 hours a day, to aid the people of Georgia. They maintain safety and order in times of crisis, and volunteer in our schools and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS: On May 7, 2018, I signed HB 703, legislation that created the Governor's Office of Public Safety Support to provide first responders with resources, including peer support, to address mental health issues following traumatic events; and
- WHEREAS: In 2017, Georgia joined the National First Responders Network to ensure that first responders dealing with life-threatening situations are provided with a secure wireless broadband network to communicate all necessary information; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia recognizes the responsibilities of our first responders and honors their devotion and valor, today and every day; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2018, as FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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